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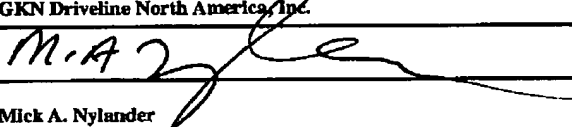
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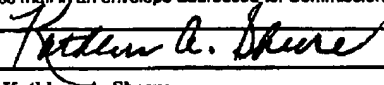
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 28, 2006, please consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

The listing of claims which begins on page 1 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) An improved boot for use in sealing a constant velocity joint and ball spline joint assembly, the boot comprising:

a plurality of articulating convolutes;

a grease catching member;